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Evacuated teachers land a little luck

Puerto Rican educators who fled the island are swiftly finding homes in Central Florida schools

BY LESLIE POSTAL
Staff Writer

Edgardo Ortiz Nieves and his wife flew into Orlando a few weeks after Hurricane Maria slammed into Puerto Rico. They wanted a break from the frustrations of living in a place where electricity and clean water were scarce, and the opportunity to find better medical care for their mothers than was available on the storm-ravaged island.

They figured their family, including their 9-year-old daughter, would relax for a few weeks at the Kissimmee home of Ortiz's aunt, then fly back home.

But their stop at the Orlando International Airport's welcome center for Puerto Ricans changed things — and quickly.

The couple — one an instructor, the other a professor at the University of Puerto Rico — walked out of the airport that Saturday in October with job interviews lined up for the coming Monday with the Orange County school district. Nine days later, they started teaching at Lake Nona High School in south Orlando.

In the days in between, they moved into a new apartment, purchased a car and enrolled their daughter in a nearby ele-

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AIMING TO PRODUCE HEALTHY OPTIONS

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Brent Buffington is the executive director of Growing Orlando, an urban farming program that offers fresh produce to people who live in "food deserts." Here, he works at an urban farm site in Parramore.

Parramore to get farmers market

BY JEFF WEINER
Staff Writer

A farmers market is coming to Orlando City Stadium next month in Parramore, a neighborhood long considered a "food desert" because of its lack of healthy food options.

The Parramore Farmers Market will be held outside the soccer stadium each Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting Jan. 6. The debut is expected to draw more than 30 vendors, selling everything from fresh produce to art and gourmet popcorn, all produced locally.

"We intend to transform Parramore's food desert into a food oasis," said the market's coordinator, Lynn Nicholson, a resident who helped found the city's first community garden in Parramore in 2008.

The Orlando City Council signed off on a contract with the Orlando City Soccer Club on Monday for use of the team's stadium for the market, which each week will host up to 42 vendors along a walkway on the east side of the stadium, near where Pine Street dead-ends at the venue's entrance.

The team agreed to provide janitorial services and security for the

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At OIA, new Garage C complex runs at easy pace

BY KEVIN SPEAR
Staff Writer

Orlando's airport faces a record flood of holiday travelers in the coming days.

Christmas at Orlando International Airport — with its trio of engorged parking garages, long waits for baggage and threats of delays — may play out like the Grinch's second coming. Arriving three hours before a flight is recommended.

There is, however, tranquility and glamour to be found at the nation's 13th busiest airport. It's at the newly opened Garage C and the South Airport Automated People Mover Complex.

Despite their labeling, think of those facilities as a pampering, frequent-flier club for the masses. But there's a problem. They aren't easily found.

"I didn't even know this was here," said Carli Jenkins this week, with relief and awe. Graduating from college and picking up her inbound par-

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Meet the force who fuels Orange County's toy drive

BY STEPHEN HUDAK
Staff Writer

The force behind Orange County's Holiday Heroes Toy Drive sometimes shows up late for senior staff meetings — because he's shopping.

Orange County government workers collected nearly 4,000 toys for needy kids this season, and Star Wars fan Jon Weiss, director of the county's Community, Environmental and Development Services Department, supplied 800 of them.

"Well, Jon is our chief elf," said Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs, who launched the Holiday Heroes Toy Drive when she took office in 2011. "He contributes more toys to the toy drive than anybody else."

He donated 1,000 last year.

"I feel like I have a social responsibility," said Weiss, 44, whose office credenza holds not only development plans but action figures from Star Wars, My Little Pony, Transformers and Voltron. A Darth Vader teddy bear sits near his desk.

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CHEERS AT THE CURE BOWL

STEPHEN M. DOWELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Georgia State fans support the Panthers on Saturday during the Cure Bowl against Western Kentucky, the first of three bowls at Camping World Stadium this season. Georgia State won 27-17, earning the first bowl win in school history. **Story, C1**

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